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Environment, Community and Local Government



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16 October, 2014.

Mr. Tom O'Neill,
Meetings Administrator,
Corporate Services Department,
South Dublin County Council,
County Hall,
Tallaght,
Dublin 24.



RE: REP1073/AK/14

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

I have been asked by Mr. Alan Kelly, T.D., Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government, to respond to your letter dated 6 October 2014 on behalf of the Members of South Dublin County Council in relation to Local Property Tax.

The contents of your letter in relation to funding for Local Government and the Local Property Tax have been noted.

Local Property Tax was introduced to provide an alternative, stable and sustainable funding base for the local authority sector, providing greater levels of connection between local revenue raising and associated expenditure decisions. Given that local authorities vary significantly from one another in terms of size, population, public service demands, infrastructure and income sources, the Government has decided that no local authority will receive less income from LPT in 2015 than they received from the Local Government Fund in 2014. Certain local authorities, such as South Dublin County Council, with stronger property bases, will receive greater levels of funding from local retention of LPT in 2015 than they received from the Local Government Fund in 2014.

The Government has decided that these latter local authorities will use this surplus funding in two ways, with a portion available for their own discretionary purposes and the remainder, if any, to fund some services in the Housing and Roads areas for which they currently receive Central Government funding. The portion that will be retained for discretionary purposes will be an amount equal to 20% of the total expected LPT income in the relevant local authority area (before any decision to vary rates) or, in the case where that surplus will be less than 20%, the full amount. It will be a matter for the individual local authorities to decide how to spend that discretionary funding.

Matters relating to equalisation levels and methods for future years will be reviewed as necessary and appropriate.

Yours sincerely,


Larry Kelly,
Private Secretary





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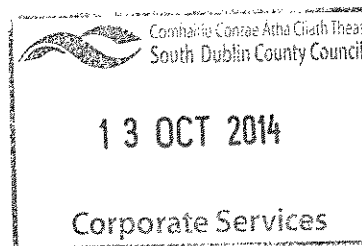
Dear Mr. O'Neill,

I have been asked by Mr. Alan Kelly, T.D. Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, to acknowledge receipt of your recent letter in connection with Local Property Tax.

This matter is currently being examined by Department officials and a response will issue as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,


PP Larry Kelly
Private Secretary





Our Ref: 14/4232/MF

13 October 2014

Mr Tom O'Neill
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services Division
South Dublin County Council
County Hall
Tallaght
Dublin 24

Dear Mr O'Neill

The Minister for Finance, Mr Michael Noonan TD, has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your recent letter regarding a Motion passed by South Dublin County Council and to say that the contents will be considered in the context of the forthcoming Budget.

Yours sincerely


pp Alex Lalor
Private Secretary

